

Best of the
Southwest
Art Show



Amarillo Best of the Southwest Show (Youth Division)
August 7, 2026

Schedule of Events

Friday July 24, 2026 - Entries will be accepted at Arts in the Sunset, 3701 Plains Blvd., Amarillo, TX, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Per mission required for early entries.

July 27-30 - Judging of entries and hanging of show.

Friday, August 7, 2026 – Awards ceremony held during the First Friday Art Walk in the Legacy Room.

September 8, 2026 - Pick up all works between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (pieces not picked up by September 25, 2026 become property of the Amarillo Art Institute)

Awards

First - \$75

Second - \$50

Third - \$25

The Best of the Southwest Summer Show will be held at Arts in the Sunset. The reception will coincide with the August First Friday Art Walk.

Categories -

Ages 5-10

Ages 11-16

Eligibility

- All work submitted must be the original work of the artist – conceived, designed and completed by the artist. Source materials must be available upon request.
- No work from kits, molds, patterns, or copies of other artists' work, or copyrighted materials will be exhibited.
- There will be no diptychs, triptychs, or multiple ceramic items accepted as one entry (does not include lids to pottery positioned on pottery)
- All work must have been completed in the past 12 months.

Specifications

- All work must be dry and gallery ready with wire hangers. No saw-tooth hangers will be accepted.
- If Plexiglass is used, make a note of such on the front of the work.
- Works shall not exceed 72 inches in any direction, including any frames.
- Artist's name must be covered with tape. Tape will be removed after judging.
- Photographs mounted on foam core will not be accepted without a frame.
- All pieces must be presented in a way that can be hung professionally, frames where appropriate, no tape on wire hangers, no visible staples.
- The label must be filled out completely and taped to the back top, or on the bottom of 3D works.
- Works entered, must remain in the show, until the specified take-down date, September 8.

Sales

- Works may be for sale or indicate NFS (not for sale) on the entry form.
- For the duration of the show, a 20% commission will be charged on all sales.

Liability

- The Amarillo Fine Arts Association (AFAA) and the Amarillo Art Institute (AAI) will handle all works with the utmost care. However, AFAA, AAI, and their representatives assume no responsibility for any loss or damage to artwork. By submitting work, the artist agrees to release AFAA, AAI, and any associated individuals from liability.

